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My dear Sir

Since I received your last I have not had a moment to scratch even a few lines — I am much rejoiced to hear of your plan to visit the Snowdon District — my advice is as follows —

if you have time before you leave London copy the map of Snowdon given by Captn. Sabine to the G.S. & carry with you not Evans map — on wh. no dependence can be placed ~~by~~ but one subsequently published — by a Welshman (whose name I forget but I have seen a copy of it at the G.S. so you can easily discover the thing I mean) in two sheets — the outlines of the hills are in this faint but accurate — carry also with you Henslows paper on Anglesea in the Cambridge Phil. Trans —

As you go along it would be worth while ~~the~~ if you have time to rectify the curious manner in which Greenough has made the mountain limestone

dance the hays in the ~~wig~~ vale of Clwyd—
also attend when you cross the junction of the mountain
lime & slate on the road thence to Conway— observe
particularly what is the exact nature of the rock on
which the limestone rests— & whether it is or not
conformable with the latter— the first rise of the
hills above Conway presents an odd felspathic rock
of curious texture— look at it— & notice en passant
the whole rock series between Conway & Bangor—
look at the trap dykes described by Henslow— & get [illegible]
of the altered rocks— also as the Chlorite slate as [illegible]
it comes close almost to the Menai it may be desirable
to get a few specimens of this rock— which I am not sure
whether I know from greywacke slate— I would then confine
my ~~only~~ attention to the single mountain of Snowdon— & try to
make out that in detail laying down every rock on Sabine's
~~[illegible]~~ map— of course the plain between Snowdon & the
Menai I consider as included— a week given to this
object would I should conceive accomplish it— the
name of that mountain makes it more interesting than
any other limited tract— & what I think we want with

regard to the Transition districts is precise information as
to the detail than vague & general views—
Such are my general notions— but of course when
on the scene of action you will much better judge for
yourself excuse this hasty scrawl & believe me
very truly yours
W Conybeare

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